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SUBJECT: GOSL INTEREST IN CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

1. DURING MY OFFICIAL CALL ON TOM SMITH, NEWLY-APPOINTED LEADER OF THE HOUSE (PARLIAMENT), A CABINET-LEVEL POSITION, HE MADE OFFICIAL REQUEST THAT USG CONSIDER VISIT TO SIERRA LEONE IN NEAR FUTURE BY US CONGRESSIONAL PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION. SMITH, WHILE ON IVG TOUR LAST YEAR, HAD INTERESTING VISIT TO CONGRESS AND WISHED TO BE ABLE TO RECIPROCATE NOW THAT HE WAS NEWLY APPOINTED MINISTER.

2. SMITH INDICATED THAT PARLIAMENTARY VISITS TO SIERRA LEONE WERE OF INCREASING IMPORTANCE. HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED TRIP LAST YEAR BY USSR PARLIAMENTARIANS AND ONE PLANNED LATER THIS YEAR BY UK PARLIAMENTARIANS.

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMUNICATING THIS INFORMATION TO ANY APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL SUBCOMMITTEES AND ANY CONGRESSMEN WHO INDICATE INTEREST IN TRIP TO AFRICA. THREE-DAY VISIT IN FREETOWN COULD PROVIDE USEFUL BOOST TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS.  
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